

**MINUTES
MACOMB COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2006**

President Perna began the meeting at 7:30 a.m. held at Freedom Hill County Park.

ROLL CALL

In Attendance:

James M. Perna, President
Gasper Salerno, Vice President
Ann E. Klein, Secretary
Dino F. Bucci, Jr., Sergeant At Arms
Thomas L. Raymus
Anthony Lipinski
Phillip A. DiMaria
Timothy M. Malone
Gene Schabath, Rep. Mr. Marrocco
Marvin E. Sauger
Betty Slinde

Others Present:

Anthony G. Casasanta, David Humbyrd and Sharon Quinn, Parks & Recreation;
Jim Meyerand, Corporation Counsel; Tom Bommarito, PSE Hillside LLC

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

COMMISSIONER SLINDE, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER RAYMUS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH ADDITIONS UNDER 7: B. POLISH FESTIVAL, C. ITALIAN FESTIVAL, AND D. BARK IN THE PARK. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 14, 2005

A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SLINDE WAS MADE APPROVING THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President Perna called for nomination for Temporary President.

Commissioner Klein was nominated by Commissioner Sauger, supported by Commissioner Salerno. Commissioner Klein accepted the nomination.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AND COMMISSIONER KLEIN WAS NOMINATED TEMPORARY PRESIDENT.

PRESIDENT

Temporary President Klein called for nominations for President.

Commissioner Perna was nominated by Commissioner Sauger, supported by Commissioner Raymus. Commissioner Perna accepted the nomination.

Temporary President Klein asked if there were any more nominations and there were none. The nominations for President were closed.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AND COMMISSIONER PERNA WAS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED PRESIDENT.

VICE PRESIDENT

President Perna called for nominations for Vice President.

Commissioner Salerno was nominated by Commissioner Slinde, supported by Commissioner Klein. Commissioner Salerno accepted the nomination.

President Perna asked if there were any more nominations and there were none. The nominations for Vice President were closed.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AND COMMISSIONER SALERNO WAS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT.

SECRETARY

President Perna called for nominations for Secretary.

Commissioner Klein was nominated by Commissioner Malone, supported by Commissioner Bucci. Commissioner Klein accepted the nomination.

President Perna asked if there were any more nominations and there were none. The nominations for Secretary were closed.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AND COMMISSIONER KLEIN WAS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED SECRETARY.

SERGEANT AT ARMS

President Perna called for nominations for Sergeant At Arms.

Commissioner Bucci was nominated by Commissioner Klein, supported by Commissioner Raymus. Commissioner Bucci accepted the nomination.

President Perna asked if there were any more nominations and there were none. The nominations for Sergeant At Arms were closed.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AND COMMISSIONER BUCCI WAS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED SERGEANT AT ARMS.

AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS – 2006

Mr. Casasanta stated Tracey Moro has been working with Freedom Hill for the last ten years. The current contract for services is \$1,225 per month. Ms. Moro does Freedom Hill's fliers and brochures, updates our internet, website, and phone system, handles the electronic sign, provides assistance with Orchard Trail projects and provides any other public information and media kits on events at Freedom Hill.

A motion was made by Commissioner Klein, supported by Commissioner DiMaria approving the Public Relations Agreement.

Discussion ensued relative to the fact that it is a no bid contract.

Commissioner DiMaria withdrew his support.

Further discussion ensued.

Amended Motion

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER BUCCI WAS MADE APPROVING THE 2006 PUBLIC RELATIONS AGREEMENT WITH TRACEY MORO AND TO GO FOR BIDS FOR 2007 PUBLIC RELATIONS. MOTION CARRIED.

FLEA MARKETS – 2006

Mr. Casasanta recommends increasing the County's \$5 rate per vendor space that is received from the Coordinator, Gloria Johnson.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BUCCI, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER KLEIN TO INCREASE THE COUNTY'S RECEIPT OF ALLOCATED SPACE FROM \$5.00 TO \$7.00. MOTION CARRIED.

POLISH FESTIVAL

Mr. Casasanta reported the sponsor for the Polish Festival is requesting approval to hold their festival July 14-16, 2006 at Freedom Hill County Park.

ITALIAN FESTIVAL

Mr. Casasanta reported the sponsor for the Italian Festival is requesting approval to hold their festival July 21-23, 2006 at Freedom Hill County Park.

BARK IN THE PARK

Mr. Casasanta reported the sponsor for the Bark in the Park is requesting approval to hold their event August 5, 2006.

A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIMARIA, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER LIPINSKI WAS MADE APPROVING THE POLISH FESTIVAL, JULY 14-16, 2006; ITALIAN FESTIVAL, JULY 21-23, 2006 AND BARK IN THE PARK, AUGUST 5, 2006 AT FREEDOM HILL AS REQUESTED BY THE RESPECTIVE SPONSORS. MOTION CARRIED.

CORPORATION COUNSEL – UPDATE

Mr. Meyerand reported that Mr. Brumbaugh, Corporation Counsel and Cindy Victor, Attorney, for Hillside Productions have scheduled to meet on the catering contract at the end of January.

OTHER

Commissioner Lipinski requested that the Parks Commissioner be given information and an update on the parking collection for discussion at the next meeting.

Commissioner Bucci asked about changing the times for the Parks Commission meetings.

President Perna announced the Master Plan Committee meeting dates set for January 25, February 22, and March 29 at 8:30 a.m. at the County Park.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DIMARIA, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SLINDE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

President Perna adjourned the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at 8:05 a.m.

Sincerely,

Ann Klein, Secretary
Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission

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